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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND CERTIFICATION

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. These documents were cited in the attached Search Report issued February 11, 2000. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

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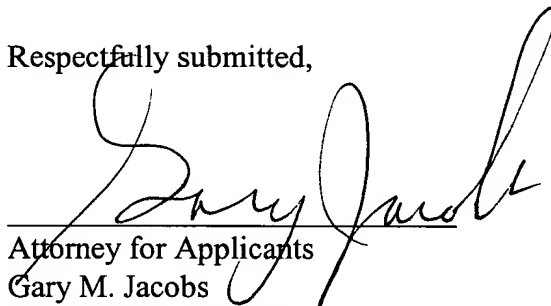
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REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner, and that the Examiner initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating that the information listed thereon has been considered.

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